

ST. JEROMES, HYATTSVILLE



Please remember in your prayers, the sick and the shut-ins of our parish community, especially...Muriel Adams, Sheila Armentrout, Johnnie Aquilino, Daniel Birch, Liz Burdick, Betty Cahill, Esther Carboni, Carol

Colliere, Margaret Crandall, Frances DeStefano, Paul Emmons, Martha Farnie, Margaret Federighi, Ruth Frazier, Frances Gray, Tony Green, Eileen Harrington,, Charlotte Houston, Elinor Jackson, Larry Jackson, , Rita Kline, Joseph Lipovsky, Larry Lorditch, Linda Lorditch, James McMahan Carol Mills,, Alice Moran, Nita Mullins, Marie Needham, Wilbert Noel, Maria Olquin, Rita O'Dea, Carla O'Mara, Sarah Proctor, Peter Randall, Alan Richwald, Sister Germana, Brandon Joseph Romaine, Robert Schultz, Jenny Stepanek, Mary Temarantz, Brooke Wanex, Vickie Whalen-Romaine and family, Tony Zangla, and those known to you alone, those confined to hospitals and nursing homes, those suffering with cancer or depression, that they may know the Father's love through other's care and prayer. If you wish to be included on this prayer list, please call the Rectory (301/927-6684). To remove your name from this prayer list once you are on the mend, call the Rectory with the Good News!

Mass  for the Intentions  Week

WEEK OF
January 7 – 13, 2008

MONDAY:
8:00 A.M. Gregory Rogovsky
12:00 p.m. Sister Helen Dych, SND

TUESDAY:
8:00 A.M. Ofelia Rosanova
12:00 p.m. Jean Utterson

WEDNESDAY:
8:00 A.M. In Thanksgiving
12:00 p.m. Alfred Smith

THURSDAY:
8:00 A.M. Sister Catherine Clare
12:00 p.m. Rachel Semmes

FRIDAY:
8:00 A.M. Jo Kendrick & family (living)
12:00 p.m. Megan Murray - living

SATURDAY:
8:00 A.M. Jim Dych
4:30 P.M. William O'Dea

SUNDAY:
7:30 A.M. Anne Conway
9:30 A.M. Kathleen Haley & family (living)
11:30 A.M. For the people of St. Jerome's Parish

Readings for the Week of January 6, 2008

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

CELEBRANT'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 12, 2008
4:30 P.M. Music Ministry Father Jim Stack

SUNDAY, January 13, 2008
7:30 A.M. Father Jim Stack
9:30 A.M. Folk Group Father Jim Stack
11:30 A.M. Choir Father Jim Stack



And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. - Mt 2:9-11

Problems? Worries? Concerns?

Bring them to Jesus and Leave them at St. Jerome's Church – open all day for Eucharistic Adoration every Friday until 4:30 p.m. Stop in for a visit to the God of Power and might and bring your children too. There is the 8:00 morning Mass followed by a Holy Hour of Prayer. The day ends with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 4:30 p.m. You can stop for a short visit or longer. Teach your children the greatest power on earth – the power of Prayer

The kingdom of heaven is at hand...heal the sick."

Matthew 10:7

Healing Mass

Sunday, February 3rd at 4:00 p.m.

St. Jerome's Church Father Jim Stack, Celebrant Levels of Healing – Physical, Spiritual, Emotional, Psychological, Relational. In addition to the regular Sunday Liturgy, there will be laying on of hands and anointing after Communion.

"...only say the word and I shall be healed."

I have made the statement over the years that I will be available after Mass for anyone who would like to be prayed over for inner healing or prayer of any type. I have asked that you call on me if you need God's healing presence in your life. As the Mass takes place at St. Jerome's, I will need the support of your prayers so the Holy Spirit will work through my hands and bring His healing graces to us all. –Father Jim

Mass for Peace is celebrated each 1st Friday of the Month at Holy Redeemer Church in College Park at 7:30 p.m. This Mass will continue until our Troops are out of Iraq.

150th Jubilee Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Washington are invited to commemorate the 150th Jubilee of the Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes, which will occur on February 11, 2008. Through the graciousness of the Holy See, parishioners who visit one of the 11 Archdiocesan pilgrimage churches before or on February 11, 2008 and fulfill certain conditions will have the opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence. For more information, go to www.adw.org.

A Letter from the Bishop...

January 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Since 1885, the annual collection for Black and Indian Missions of the United States has been held in parishes across the country. This year, the **National Collection for the Black and Indian Missions** will be held January 12-13 in our archdiocese.

The Second Vatican Council reminds us that the Good News of salvation is not bound by time or human structures. Christ's Gospel of love and redemption, addressed to all people, transcends national boundaries, cultural differences and divisions among peoples. The American Catholic community has always reached out with generous hearts and giving hands to the annual National Black and Indian Mission collection.

This support has assisted missionaries, priests, sisters, catechists and devoted faithful working side-by-side in parishes and missions among the African American and Native American people, sharing the Gospel. Many churches and schools depend on the annual evangelization grants to continue their local programs and pastoral activities. Last year's collection provided support to some of the neediest people in 134 dioceses across the United States, from the inner cities of the rural South to the cold Alaskan wilderness.

Please consider joining in the important work of evangelization among our African American and Native American brothers and sisters by giving generously to the National Collection for Black and Indian Missions and bringing Christ's Gospel of love and redemption to people across our nation.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Barry C. Knestout
Vicar for Administration

**Peace
On Earth**



Memorial Donations... Our lovely liturgical environment for the Christmas season has been made possible by the generous donations in memory or in honor of many of our loved ones. Let us remember these intentions in our prayers during this holy season. In addition to those mentioned in last week's bulletin, we remember: Patricia Donoghue, Linda Duggin, Robert L. Green, Sr., Julia Kaguna Mukoko, Francis P. Nochera III,

Healing Ministry Volunteers

There will be a meeting on **Tuesday, January 8th, 2008** for all those who currently volunteer, as well as anyone who would like to become a volunteer, at Fr. Stack's monthly Healing Masses. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room. For more information please e-mail stjerome90@gmail.com.

Congratulations!

Are you celebrating an engagement, wedding or anniversary? Please submit an announcement of the happy event for publication in the February 14, 2008 edition of the Catholic Standard. Call the Catholic Standard advertising department at 202-281-2421 to place your announcement today! Congratulations!

Rally for Life and Youth Mass

The Archdiocese of Washington will host the annual Rally for Life and Youth Mass on Tuesday, January 22, 8:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at the Verizon Center. Doors open at 7:00 a.m.; opportunities for Confession begin at 8:00 a.m. and a rally featuring popular Catholic recording artists is at 8:45 a.m. Mass begins at 10:00 a.m. Admission is free. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please allow extra time for security (only small backpacks are allowed inside). The program will end in time for the March for Life. For more information, call the Archdiocese of Washington Life Issues Department at 301-853-4555.

Men's Vocation Retreat: February 1-3, 2008

Archbishop Wuerl is sponsoring a retreat for men in their 20's-40's who are considering a call to the priesthood at Theological College, Friday evening, Feb. 1 to noon on Sunday, Feb. 3. The retreat will allow men time away from the daily grind and provide an opportunity for prayer and reflection to examine God's call. If you feel Jesus may be calling you, why not give Him a weekend? It will cost you nothing more than your time. To register or for more information, contact Msgr. Rob Panke, Director of Priest Vocations, at 301-853-4580 or vocations@adw.org

Choose Life!☺

"The Old and New Testaments are filled with...passages extolling children as gift and blessing. It is disheartening, therefore, to see how far our culture has diverged from that view.

...There was no confusion (in the story of Mary and Elizabeth) as to what and who nested under their mothers' hearts. Yet, 2,000 years later, many well-educated people do not know – or claim they do not know – the truth about human life before birth."

--Cardinal Justin Regali of Philadelphia, Southern Cross, 10/11/07
We Pray for the conversion of those who mock the beliefs of people who work to preserve the right to life.

ST. JEROME'S SCHOOL NEWS

REMINDER: School accounts must be kept current in order for us to maintain our budget! Tuition accounts are due on the first of each month and payable in the Rectory office (across the street from the school)

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2008

January 7: Elementary School Tuition Assistance Applications are Online at: <http://www.adw.org/education/assistance.asp>
January 11: End of 2nd Quarter
January 14: Parents Meeting for First Penance & First Communion
January 16: Report Cards Distributed
January 21: Martin Luther King Remembrance, No Classes
January 22: MARCH FOR LIFE
January 27: Catholic Schools Week Liturgy, 9:30 a.m. Church
January 28: Catholic Schools Week
February 2: MARDI GRAS! 6PM to 12:00 Midnight!
February 4: First Confessions, 7:15 p.m., Grade 2 and CCD
February 6: Ash Wednesday, Liturgy 9 a.m.
February 11: Confessions, Grade 3-8
February 12: Progress Reports, #3
February 18: Presidents Day, No Classes
February 19: Acre Testing, Grades 6 and 8

Child Protection in the Archdiocese of Washington

Child protection is a priority of the Archdiocese of Washington, which has the most comprehensive child protection policies in the nation. This policy calls for prevention, quick response, and pastoral care. **All employees and volunteers who have substantial contact with children must attend child protection workshops and undergo a criminal background check, and those who suspect child abuse must report it to the authorities.** The policy (in English and Spanish), workshop schedules and reporting, fingerprinting and other information are available online at www.adw.org. (click on "Protecting Our Children"), and from your parish office and parish school principal. Anyone who has experienced harm from a person working or volunteering for a Church entity is encouraged to report this to the authorities and to contact the Archdiocesan Director of Child Protection Services, Ms. Marcia Zvara, 301-853-5328, so we may provide assistance.

Visit the NEW Catholic Standard and ElPregonero websites! Informative, interactive, exciting and fun! Log on to www.cathstan.org or www.elpreg.org to get started. It's all available online!

DID YOU KNOW

Grocery certificates are available after Mass each Sunday and weekdays at the Rectory Office during regular business hours. These Certificates earn money for our church and school at no cost to you! The parish earns 5% profit for each one you buy! If 400 families bought \$20.00 each week at a 5% profit this would equal \$400.00 total profit per week or \$20,800 total profit per year! Fifty dollars per week would earn \$52,000. for one year! Buying certificates is an easy habit to start, and a great way to help generate needed funds for the parish! Thanks



Yes, you know him. He was the friendly smile with strong handshake that greeted you at the door of the church as you arrived for Sunday Mass. He was also the protector for the students arriving at school, guiding the parents dropping off their children in the morning, following the example of Mr. Hannon who had this job before him. He was instrumental in our collection for the men and women in the military; he gave great service for our Veterans. He loved St. Jerome's! (Almost as much as he loved lunch with Father at Ledo's!) Our prayers of sympathy are for the family and friends of **Chris Needham**, beloved son of Marie, who has gone home to God. May he rest in peace in the company of his dad Herb and all the angels and saints.



St. Jerome's Caf 

The following items are needed for the Caf : cans of tuna fish, spaghetti sauce, mac & cheese. Items may be left on the Outreach Table in the vestibule of the Church or taken to the Rectory. Our sincere thanks for your generous donations to help those in need.

Hurting After Abortion?

Do you feel like God could never really forgive you? You are invited to attend a support group to find peace in your life. Spend time with others who faced an unplanned pregnancy and found themselves having an abortion. **Project Rachel** sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, is hosting a support group for women and men who have unresolved feelings about their abortion experience. The support group will meet on Wednesday evenings – beginning February 6, 2008 (Ash Wednesday).

For additional information, including location, call or email Julia Shelava (202-269-4673 ext. 15 or 301/982-2008 ext 15) ProjectRachel@adw.org. All contacts are confidential.

ALL IRISH NEED APPLY!

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, the largest and oldest Irish-Catholic Organization in the USA has Divisions meeting in the Archdiocese of Washington. If you are interested in your Irish-Catholic heritage, music, culture and are 16 or older, please consider joining us! For more information call George Rogers (301) 805-1775 for information on the Ladies AOH call Mary Corkery (301) 229-1451.

Retreat Opportunity for High School Boys

The Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of Washington is offering an opportunity for high school boys to attend the Mount 2008 retreat at Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD, February 8-10. Cost is \$55 and registrations must be received by January 10. Mount 2008 is an annual Eucharistic-centered retreat designed for high school- and college-age Catholics. With the theme, "**Seek the Face of Christ**," Mount 2008 will encourage participants to come to know Jesus as a friend, and to encounter His love and mercy in prayer, the Word of God, and the Holy Sacraments of the Catholic Church. The speakers for this year's retreat include Fr. Peter Mitchell and Todd Lemieux. The Mount 2008 website is <http://mount2008.com/>. For more information and to register, contact Father Mark Smith, Associate Director of Vocations, at msmith@adwparish.org.

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